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SUBJ: ALMIRANTE SPEAKS TO ENTHUSIASTIC CROWD IN PALERMO

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1. ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20, MORE THAN THREE THOUSAND ENTHUSIASTIC MISSINI PACKED A CENTRALLY-LOCATED PALERMO MOVIE THEATER TO GREET GIORGIO ALMIRANTE ON HIS CURRENT SICILIAN SPEAKING TOUR (MESSINA IS NEXT STOP).
2. THE MSI NATIONAL SECRETARY CAME TO PALERMO "TO FEEL THE PULSE OF THE RANK AND FILE" -- EXHORTED THE NEW PALERMO PROVINCIAL MSI LEADER, NATIONAL DEPUTY GUIDO LO PORTO AN ALMIRANTIANO). THE OTHER NATIONAL DEPUTY FROM WESTERN SICILY, PRO-DEMOCRAZIA NAZIONALE ANGELO NICOSIA, WAS PROMINENT BY HIS ABSENCE.

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3. LOYALTY, CONTINUITY, HONOR WERE THE CATCH WORDS OF ALMIRANTE'S THUNDEROUS, HUNDRED-MINUTE ADDRESS WHICH HAMMERED ON THE THEME OF A DC ALREADY "MISGOVERNING" THE COUNTRY TOGETHER WITH THE COMMUNISTS. PROFESSIONAL PEOPLE, MERCHANTS AND ARTISANS WERE GIVEN SPECIAL ATTENTION AS HAVING BEEN BETRAYED BY THE DC AND VICTIMIZED BY THE FISCAL "STING" OF THE "ANDREOTTI-BERLINGUER" GOVERNMENT. ALMIRANTE ANNOUNCED A PUBLIC COLLECTION OF SIGNATURES TO ENDORSE MSI PROPOSALS ON LAW AND ORDER, INCLUDING THE INTRODUCTION OF THE DEATH PENALTY.

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4. AT THE CLOSE OF HIS REMARKS, ALMIRANTE TOUCHED THE DELICATE NERVE OF THE JANUARY MSI CONVENTION, AVOIDING ANY REFERENCE EITHER TO ANY OF HIS OPPONENTS OR TO "DEMOCRAZIA NAZIONALE". HE INVITED ALL TO RECONCILIATION, REMINDING EVERYONE OF THE VALUE OF LOYALTY, CONTINUITY AND HONOR WITHIN THE MSI.
5. COMMENT: ALMIRANTE'S DECEMBER 20 AUDIENCE WAS NO SMALLER THAN

HIS USUAL LARGE ONES IN PALERMO. IF CLAPPING AND CHEERING ARE ANY
MEASURE OF SUPPORT, ALMIRANTE STILL HAS LOYAL RANK AND FILE IN
PALERMO.

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